

NEWS NOTES FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

A Stable and Forty Horses Burned at Snow Hill.

POSTOFFICES ADVANCED.

An Order Filled For One Million North Carolina Strawberry Plants—A Startling Burglary at Wake Forest—Why Senator Pritchard Was Not Made District Judge—A Remarkable Convict at the State Penitentiary—Warned to Leave by Whitecaps—A Sheriff Held Up.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 26.—Mr. O. C. Wilkerson, of Greene county, who reached Raleigh yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with his uncle, Dr. T. N. Jordan, brings the tidings of the terrible news that forty horses and mules were burned, together with the stables, of Mr. George W. Wynne, at Snow Hill.

The fire occurred in the night on Friday or before day on Saturday morning. Mr. Wilkerson left before investigation was made, and did not learn the prevailing opinion as to the origin of the fire. He feared that there was little insurance, if any, but did not have definite information as to that.

The friends of Mr. Wynne will deeply regret to hear of the fire and will hope he had insurance to protect him against serious loss. He resided in Raleigh many years and his friends here hope to hear that he was insured. Aside from the financial loss, the burning of the horses is a terrible thing. A horse is next to a man in many ways—a truly noble animal—and there are folks who think more of some horses than of some men.

N. C. POSTOFFICES ADVANCED.

A dispatch from Washington City says: "On the first day of January these postoffices will be advanced to the rank of third-class postoffices: Carthage, Julia A. Ritta, postmaster, salary \$1,100; Dunn, A. H. Wilson, postmaster, salary \$1,100; Red Springs, John G. Brown, postmaster, salary \$1,300; Southern Pines, A. M. Clarke, postmaster, salary \$1,100; Thomasville, Charles M. Hoover, postmaster, salary \$1,100."

1,000,000 STRAWBERRY PLANTS.

In November Miss Clara Barton, president of the Red Cross Relief Association, then operating at Galveston, placed with the Continental Plant Company (O. W. Becknell & Sons), of Kittrell, an order for 1,000,000 strawberry plants. This was probably the largest order of the kind ever placed, with one exception, the same company having once before booked an order for 1,800,000 plants. These plants were for distribution among the fruit growers of that part of Texas which suffered such devastation from the storm that destroyed Galveston. The Continental Plant Company has just received a special letter of thanks for the promptness and thoroughness with which the order was filled. This company, which does by long odds the largest business in its line in the world, their business covering every State in the Union and extending to foreign countries, has recently bought the Davis Hotel, which it will convert into offices and packing rooms.

STARTLING BURGLARY.

News was received here yesterday of a startling burglary in Wake Forest. The burglary took place Sunday night between 1 and 3 o'clock, and no trace has as yet been discovered as to who did the deed. The victim of the burglary was Mr. Solomon A. Allen, the Mayor of Wake Forest.

The burglars secured the gold watches of Mr. and Mrs. Allen, the money in the house and all other available valuables. The occupants did not awake during the burglary. When Mr. Allen awoke about 3 o'clock he found that his residence had been looted. The departure of the burglars probably aroused him. A messenger was at once dispatched to the county workhouse and four blood hounds have been sent to Wake Forest and it is thought that the efforts to track the burglars may succeed. But no trace of the burglars was discovered yesterday.

On Sunday morning early the cotton gin and sawmill owned by Mr. Wiley Mitchell, located about three miles from Wake Forest, on the road to Rolesville, was burned and the fire was, it is believed, incendiary. A messenger was sent here for the blood hounds of the county, but rain had fallen and the trail was destroyed. The loss from the fire, it is thought, will be \$5,000 or \$8,000. The mill had been last used about three weeks ago and it seems extremely improbable that it could have caught from the engine. The insurance amounted to \$2,800.

AN EXPLANATION.

A number of the Republicans have been expecting that a third judge for the United States Circuit Court for this district would be appointed after the necessary law had been enacted at this session of Congress. But in such a case Senator Pritchard, who is slated for the place, could not be appointed, as the office would be created during his term as Senator. It is now learned that nothing will be done until two years hence, when his term ends. Then the President will appoint him, after the necessary legislation was made some surprise that Pritchard was not made district judge. The explanation is plain—he wanted the circuit judgeship.

A REMARKABLE CONVICT.

At the penitentiary Monday your correspondent saw Andy Wilkoff, colored, the convict who has served the longest term. He has been there twenty-seven years. When Governor Vance was practicing law at Charlotte Andy was his office boy. He committed some crime, ran away and was next heard of in Robinson county as a member of the once noted Henry Berry Lowery gang of outlaws. He was captured, tried for murder and convicted, and was standing on the gallows with the rope around his neck when a messenger ran up with the news that Governor Vance's commutation of the death sentence to life imprisonment. Andy has always been a model prisoner. Two years ago he was offered a pardon, but refused it, saying he did not want to leave the prison as long as W. H. Day was its superintendent, but that as Day would retire next March, he would at that time take the pardon. The latter is anxious to give Andy his pardon in March.

NOTES.

Charles D. Leonard, of Waltham, Mass., becomes the editor of the Tex-

the Excelsior, the leading textile paper in this State. He is a son of the Mayor of Waltham.

Whitecaps in Fredell county set upon John Sulson, a government storekeeper at a distillery, gave him a beating and warned him to leave that section.

Saturday night, in a lonely road near Goldsboro, four footpads held up Sheriff Scott. He whipped up his horse as one man sprang at the reins, knocked him down and escaped.

NEW BERN.

FOOTBALL GAME FRIDAY—A TUG SUNK.

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 26.—The Graded School team will tackle the Cape Fear Academy team of Wilmington at the Fair grounds, Friday evening at 3 o'clock. The Wilmington boys are the crack team of that city, having defeated every team they have played by nice scores. Our boys are in excellent shape and will give a good account of themselves. The game promises to be more thrilling than that of Thanksgiving. New plays full of strategy and brilliant runs.

The visitors will arrive Thursday evening.

A TUG SUNK.

The tug Swan, used by J. S. Basnight for towing logs for his mill, is sunk at Market dock. When the men left the boat Saturday they say that it was all right, but Sunday morning it was found sunken. A force of men were engaged yesterday in raising the tug.

EDENTON.

TARGET PRACTICE—MAN INJURED—PERSONAL MENTION.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Edenton, N. C., Dec. 26.—Miss Maggie Betts, a popular young lady of Beilhaven, is visiting friends here on Granville street.

Mr. Levy Overton, of Newport News, is registered at Hotel White.

The military company engaged in a target practice yesterday afternoon on the court green. Mr. Herbert Creevy won the first prize and Mr. J. Wiggins the second prize.

A young white man by the name of Jones was thrown from the back of a spirited horse yesterday, striking his head against a stump, inflicting a painful, if not serious, wound and breaking his arm. Dr. Cason was sent for and relieved his suffering as much as possible.

Mr. Jimmie Warren, of Norfolk, is spending the holidays here with relatives and friends.

WILMINGTON.

A FARMER'S THRILLING EXPERIENCE WITH A BEAR.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 26.—Among the curiosities on Market street Sunday afternoon was a 196 pound bear, which a farmer killed Saturday on his farm in Onslow county.

The farmer, who brought the bear here to sell, said he was out squirrel hunting, his dogs treed, and when he came up to the tree expected to find a squirrel, he was surprised to find a bear instead. His gun failed to fire twice and about that time the animal descended from his position in the tree and engaged in a fierce fight with his dog. The bear then climbed another tree nearby and he brought him down with a load of birdshot from his muzzle-loader gun. The experience was rather an interesting one for the farmer and his dogs.

HENDERSON.

FATALLY WOUNDED BY TOY AIR RIFLE.

Henderson, N. C., Dec. 26.—On Saturday night about 9 o'clock the 12-year-old boy of Ben Lassiter, colored, shot and probably fatally wounded his cousin, a 14-year-old girl, while playing with a toy air rifle.

The bullet or shot struck the child in the temple and went through the skull, lodging on the brain. Drs. Harris and Bass were called in and pronounced the wound a serious and probably fatal one. The girl has since died.

ELIZABETH CITY.

A MAN KILLED—PERSONAL—MARINE NOTES.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 26.—At Newland township Tuesday night two negroes, James Moore and one Rodman, engaged in a fight with knives, which resulted in the death of Moore. A preliminary hearing was given Rodman at that place, and being found guilty he was brought here and placed in jail to await the next term of the Superior Court.

A Christmas celebration was held Tuesday night at the Pearl Street M. E. church, and an evening of confectioneries and music was enjoyed.

PERSONAL.

Miss Mary Grace left yesterday for Norfolk, Va., where she will spend a few days visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Ruth Howitt gave an oyster roast Tuesday night in honor of her many friends. It was largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

Mr. Thos. White, formerly of this place, but now of Hertford, N. C., was in town yesterday visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. Wayland Hayes left yesterday for Hertford, N. C., in which place he will spend a few days visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. Harry Shipp and Mr. Carlton Sexton, of Berkeley, Va., are the guests of Mr. Thos. P. Wilcox, on Shepherd street.

Eldora Davis, colored, for robbing Richard Barclift, bound over to next term of Superior Court.

Harry Loach, colored, for being drunk on the streets; fined \$5 and costs.

MARINE NOTES.

The schooner Chase, Captain T. C. Garrett, is discharging a large cargo of steam coal at the yard of the Crystal Ice and Coal Co.

The sharpie "Imp" is taking on ice at the same place for Snell, Holmes & Co. They are engaged in rock fishing in the sounds, but live in Tyrrell county.

Char Tiers—And now that your son has gone on the stage may I ask what role he is playing in?

Sheri Dan—From last accounts he was rolling up the curtain.

FOR RENT—THE TWO MODERN business buildings, 56 and 58 Water street, now occupied by Sallie Perry and Moses Wessel, Elizabeth City, N. C. Possession given January 1st, 1901. Apply to JACOB ESKY BROS., Portsmouth, Va. no22-1f.

A WAY OUT OF THE DILEMMA.



1. Smith—Drat the luck! A Christmas present of a box of fine cigars from Jenkins, and here I've already sworn off smoking.



2. Well, it was mostly on account of the expense that I quit anyhow.

IRRIGATION IN SIBERIA.

The Czar's Western Land to Be Reclaimed by the Government.

The Russian government contemplates undertaking large irrigation works in western Siberia, which will extend over a tract of land along the western section of the Trans-Siberian Railway for more than 275 miles.

In the districts of Tomsk and Omsk alone no less than 833 artesian wells have been bored during the last four years. The expenditure for the construction of these wells amounted to \$300,000. Furthermore, there have been constructed in the government of Tomsk, in 74 different districts, altogether 275 miles of canals, whilst 35 miles of river beds were cleaned from mud. It is reported that the administration of the Siberian Railway has recommended to the Russian government a scheme to undertake extensive drainage works in the marshy Baraba steppe, for which works a credit of about 3,000,000 roubles has been asked.

A JAPANESE COAL SYNDICATE.

The coal owners in Japan have formed a syndicate for the purpose of regulating prices and preventing ruinous competition by the small proprietors. The syndicate has decided that all coal intended for export shall not be sold below a certain figure. The coal will be kept in stock and may be bought and sold by means of warrants, which will be accepted by the Mitsui Bank. The effect of the combination has been to raise the price of coal 25 per cent.

A NOVEL USE FOR BOTTLES.

An extraordinary telephone line has been built by the Amur Gold Works Company, at their place on the Soja river, to another establishment on the river. Instead of insulators, which are difficult to obtain in Siberia, empty bottles have been used on which to lay the line.—Amur Gazette, Biogostchensk.

The average man's inability to handle tools is responsible for much of the profanity heard today. The introduction of manual training in the public schools will prove a great factor in purifying our language.

Night Work.

Extra strain needs extra strength. When a man begins to add to his hours of labor, and subtract from his hours of rest, he is putting an extra strain on brain and body. In such cases many men make the serious mistake of using stimulating liquors, or alcoholic medicines. These can only injure. The spur forces on the horse, but does not strengthen him. Stimulants are only spurs. The need of the body is strength. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is invaluable to overworked men and women. It strengthens the stomach, increases the blood supply, nourishes the nerves, and gives vital power to brain and body.

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The deepest coal pit in France is the Arthur de Buyer, of the Ronchamp group of collieries, in the Haute-Saone. The shaft has only just been completed. Its depth is 1,130 yards, diameter 13 feet, and it has taken five years to finish. The ventilation, which is effected by several huge electric fans, is said to be very satisfactory. The coal has been struck exactly at the point calculated by M. Pousigne, the mining engineer.

Miss Inn Gramme—I found the evening rather chilly, so I put this shawl around me.

Mr. Craf Tonne—How unfortunate it is to be a man.

Miss Inn Gramme—Why, what would you rather be?

Mr. Craf Tonne—Just now I'd prefer to be a shawl.

The above conversation simply illustrates that it is possible to scatter a little sunshine, even on a dark night.

UGANDA COFFEE.

Five years ago the first trials were made to cultivate coffee in Uganda. These plantations were established by English missionaries. Last year Uganda was able to export 250,000 pounds of coffee. The coffee coming from the Blankyne district of Uganda is said to be the best coffee in the world, and to surpass in quality the best Mocha.

Have one on me—I'm ambitious, and shall try to run for office at the next election.

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